



ISEC

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE

in Collaboration with

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY



INITIATES SOCIAL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH SCHEME

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), in collaboration with Bangalore University, Pre University Board and Karnataka Knowledge Commission, announces the launching of Social Science Talent Search Scheme. The scheme aims to attract talented youth into the social science disciplines by motivating and informing them about the importance of social sciences in nation-building and the available career opportunities within.

Relevance of Social Science Talent Search Scheme

Social sciences are the key sources for understanding the society, polity, economy and socio-cultural issues that frame people's lives across the world. Studying social sciences helps build the necessary astuteness in the students and make them understand the nuances of the society which are essential for developing either a need-based technological innovation or in drafting, planning and implementing a policy. The current trend of 'the best talent' getting attracted towards technical and other commercial fields leads to an eventual overflow of talents in one direction and will cause social sciences in India to confront dearth of bright minds in years to come. Influx of talented students into the fields of sciences like medicine, engineering, biotechnology, pharmacy etc., is a matter of great concern, for, the production of country's social science knowledge will be at stake. Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), a premier Social Science Research Institute in India, wishes to engage in an endeavor that spots and attracts talented youth into the social science disciplines.

Operationalization of the Scheme

- Social Science Talent Search Examination will be conducted every year for students studying at class XII level (under Bangalore University Jurisdiction and with any group combinations) with an emphasis on testing the Social Science aptitude.
- Examination will be held at selected centers of Bangalore University Jurisdiction, in the months of January or February.
- For the top twenty five students who get through the examination, a sum of about two thousand five hundred rupees will be awarded as scholarship once a year for three consecutive years of undergraduate study.

- The selection criteria would mainly focus on evaluating the potential of the students in understanding the society, polity, economy and diversity of socio-cultural history of India. In other words, the test attempts to check the ability of students to understand the logic and relevance, rather than the facts and figures, of social sciences.
- For the students who get through the examination, apart from providing scholarships, the Institute will also provide professional training annually at ISEC campus.

Targeted Participants

Initially, the examination will be conducted for class XII students under Bangalore division and will be extended to students of other divisions in the future years. Students are encouraged to apply irrespective of their group combinations.

Partners of this Initiative

ISEC has entered into varied level of agreements with Bangalore University, Pre University Board and Karnataka Jnana Aayoga in seeing that this scheme gets streamlined and institutionalized in due course.

Application Procedure & Examination Fee

Notification will be issued through major newspapers. Besides this, a circular will also be sent to all colleges under Bangalore University Jurisdiction informing about the dates of examination and the deadlines to submit the application. In any case, students are requested to keep checking ISEC's website (www.isec.ac.in) for future updates. A nominal examination fee will be charged for issuing the admission cards.

Contacts

Any further information about the scheme and pattern of the exam can be obtained from:

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